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Homework 2

1 Model Checker

1.1 Satisfy

1.1.1 Recursion

The model checker in B&B uses the Prolog predicate satisfy in order to evaluate whether a given proposition is true or false. Explain how and why recursion is used in the code shown below.

1.1.2 Alternative Formulations

We are again concerned with the *satisfy* predicate. In two cases, namely for *if-then* and *all*, the code as it is written in the model checker chooses to pursue an indirect route. Instead of defining the truth conditions directly, the code uses a logical equivalent (see below). In this exercise, we ask you to define the truth conditions of the formulas with *if-then* or *all* directly. (If you redefine both, you will receive extra points.)

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satisfy(not(some(X,not(Formula))),Model,G,Pol).
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1.2 Formulas in Prolog

Formulate the following example sentences so that one can use them as input for the model checker via the *satisfy* predicate. Try out your results with respect to Model 3 by means of the *evaluate* predicate. Try out the sentences with modelchecker1.pl as well as modelchecker2.pl.

- (1) a. Jody is (a) man or woman. $MAN(j) \lor WOMAN(j)$
 - b. Mia is (a) woman and (a) customer. WOMAN(m) \land CUSTOMER(m)
 - c. Mia or Jules tells a joke. $\exists x \ [JOKE(x) \land (TELL(m,x) \lor TELL(u,x))]$
 - d. In all episodes there is a joke. $\forall x \text{ [EPISODE}(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \text{ [JOKE}(y) \land IN(y,x) \text{]]}$

2 DCGs

In this exercise you practice with DCGs.

2.1 Agreement

Do exercise 8.1 in BB&S (pp. 155–156).

2.2 Small Grammar

Write a Prolog program that contains a DCG for the sentences in (2).

- (2) a. Vincent loves Mia.
 - b. She owns a fast car.
 - c. He loves fast red cars.
 - d. Every woman loves a boxer.
 - e. Every boxer snores.

2.3 Parsing

Modify the DCG so that a parse tree is also provided.